

Appl. No. 10/605,653
Amdt. dated January 12, 2006
Reply to Office action of October 26, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.Rejection of claims 1, 6, 9 and 11-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
anticipated by over Shimizu (JP2002298629A) in view of Pelka et al.
5 (US 6,134,092):

Claim 1:

10 The Examiner has asserted that Shimizu teaches scattering patterns
disposed over the inner wall of the scattering aperture of the claimed
invention. The applicant respectfully disagrees and explains as follows.

Shimizu teaches forming scattering apertures in the diffusing plate as
the Examiner has pointed out. However, Shimizu fails to teach forming
15 scattering patterns over the inner wall of the scattering aperture. As a
matter of facts, the numeral "4" shown in Fig.1b denotes the scattering
aperture, and the different shapes (rectangle, triangle, and pentagon) are
modifications of the scattering aperture 4. These limitations of scattering
aperture's shapes should be corresponding to the shape limitation recited in
20 claim 6 of the claimed invention as the Examiner has mentioned in the
Office action. Thus, Shimizu fails to teach forming the scattering pattern,
and the applicant asserts that the scattering pattern disposed over the inner
wall of the scattering aperture is patentable, and therefore claim 1 should
be allowed. Reconsideration of claim 1 is therefore requested.

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Claims 6, 9, 11-16:

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Claims 6, 9, and 11-16 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is found allowable. Reconsideration of claim 6, 9, and 11-16 is therefore requested.

**5 2.Rejection of claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by
over Shimizu (JP2002298629A) in view of Pelka et al. (US 6,134,092):**

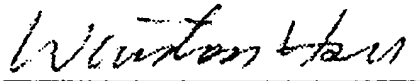
Claim 17 claims a direct type backlight module and also includes the limitation "a scattering pattern is disposed over the inner wall of the
10 scattering aperture". Reconsideration of claim 17 is respectively requested
in view of the above arguments.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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